

Minutes of Special and Regular Meeting of April 10, 2018
One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA

SPECIAL MEETING
CALL TO ORDER 6:00 P.M.

Silicon Valley Clean Water Authority Capital Improvement Program Financing

Finance Director Fil reviewed the financing plan for the sewer treatment capital improvement project.

Matt Anderson, Silicon Valley Clean Water (SVCW), outlined progress made in the project, and summarized the expenditures. He described the changes that have occurred in the capital funding, outlined the sources in funding, and provided timing of upcoming components of the project.

Finance Director Fil pointed out the need to borrow money to pay for increased costs through the sale of bonds. He described the annual sewer treatment cost on the property tax bill.

Michelle Sarabia, financing consultant, described the amount that the City of Belmont will be required to contribute towards projects. She noted the need to generate more funds than is covered by the fee on the property tax bill, and clarified that bonds would only be issued when available cash is expended.

In response to Councilmember Hurt, Silicon Valley Clean Water General Manager Dan Child explained that the City of Redwood City has raised its levies as a way to address sea level rise.

Discussion ensued regarding the future funding shortfall and the timing for issuance of bonds.

Councilmember Lieberman described the strong management of SVCW, and pointed out that cost increases are not a result of mismanagement, but from additional projects that were needed. He pointed out that the City of Belmont has been proactive in its stewardship of Belmont's portion of this project. There is a need to address ongoing financial needs. He explained that for many years, SVCW had no reserves for future capital.

Finance Director Fil reviewed the history of the treatment charge which was implemented in 2008, and generates \$3.1 million annually. He noted that a 20 percent increase in this fee is likely necessary in the near future.

Councilmember Hurt stated that she hoped that costs will not continue to increase in the future.

Councilmember Mates stated that the City of Belmont has been proactive with its share of funding, and increases in cost are justified.

Mayor Kim spoke regarding the complexity of the capital project, and he also noted the proactivity

by the City of Belmont.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Lieberman seconded by Councilmember Mates, Resolution 2018-023 Amending the FY 2018 Budget, Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation and Approving a Capital Contribution of \$3.6M to Silicon Valley Clean Water Authority was unanimously approved (4-0, Stone absent).

Attended by: Councilmembers Lieberman, Hurt, Mates, Kim. Councilmember Stone was absent.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 6:50 P.M.

Terri Cook
City Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING
CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Lieberman, Hurt, Mates, Kim

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Stone

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kathleen Beasley, Belmont Library Branch Manager

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Caltrain Modernization Program Presentation

Casey Fromson, Caltrain/Sam Trans provided an overview of the modernization program for Caltrain. She pointed out that train ridership has spiked since 2009 and trains are full in both directions. She described the aging fleet, and the capability for increased speeds, larger trains, and higher number of station stops as a result of the modernization. She outlined benefits of switching to electrification and described enhancements to the system. She described construction phasing and outlined the work that will take place within the Belmont corridor. She also described public outreach that will be utilized during construction phase.

Councilmember Mates stated that now that the Belmont Village Specific Plan is in place, the City of Belmont will be looking at increasing downtown opportunities. She requested consideration for more train stops in Belmont.

In response to Councilmember Hurt, Ms. Fromson stated that other physical changes include the installation of poles and wires. She pointed out that some cities are doing additional improvements such as grade separations.

Councilmember Hurt requested consideration of a cut-through at O'Neill Avenue. Ms. Fromson responded that a local policy maker group was formed and provided feedback during the design phase. She noted that most design elements have been completed.

Councilmember Hurt pointed out that a decrease in air and noise pollution as a result of electrification is beneficial.

In response to Councilmember Lieberman, Ms. Fromson stated that work in Belmont is likely to happen in the late summer. Councilmember Lieberman expressed a desire for sufficient notice in advance of work in Belmont.

Mayor Kim pointed out that construction will likely not be noticeable to a majority of residents.

Community Development Director de Melo stated that the City Council has discretion for the color of the poles at the station. He noted that the remainder of the corridor would be dark green.

Councilmembers expressed support for dark green.

Mayor Kim noted that there may be a desire to change color of the existing station in the future.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Kim read the proclamation.

Members of the Belmont 4-H club described club activities, including tree planting.

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Schwartz described an upcoming Tree Workshop as part of Earth Day activities, which will include a tree giveaway.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kathleen Beasley, Belmont Library, provided an update on activities at the Library.

Meghan Marré, NDNU (Notre Dame de Namur University), invited the public to an Artificial Intelligence (AI) event on campus.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Hurt noted that she attended a Sustainable San Mateo County Awards Ceremony. She announced an upcoming Hooked on Fishing project at Waterdog Lake. She also announced an upcoming Blood Pressure Clinic and Diabetes Screening.

Councilmember Mates described the upcoming Earth Day activities.

Mayor Kim outlined off leash dog hours at Barrett.

CLARIFICATION REGARDING ITEMS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

In response to Councilmember Hurt's inquiry regarding the City's acquisition of the Bishop Road property, Community Development Director de Melo noted that the property was acquired through an auction sale, and subsequently sold to a developer. He noted that that developer resold it to the

current owner. He noted that two of the eight acres would be developed with three homes, and the remaining six acres will be dedicated to permanent open space once all entitlements are in place.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 27, 2018

Resolution 2018-024 authorizing the City Manager to enter into 3-year Enterprise Agreement for GIS software from Environmental System Research Institute (ESRI) for a total cost not to exceed \$80,000

Resolution 2018-025 approving a Permanent Encroachment Agreement to allow a privately maintained driveway bridge structure, retaining walls and hand-railings within the public right-of-way at 2121 Arthur Avenue (APN 044-242-050)

Motion to Receive Monthly Financial Reports

Resolution 2018-026 amending the contract with Schaaf and Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers to include force main design and construction support services for an additional amount of \$119,390 and a 10% contingency for the North Road Pump Station Rehabilitation Project

Resolution 2018-027 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute the Subdivision Improvement Agreement for four-lot subdivision along the 1900 Block of Bishop Road;

Resolution 2016-028 approving the Aron Court Parcel Map, three way stop, and vacation of a portion of the public-of-way for the four (4) lots subdivision at 1320 Talbryn Drive (Aron Court) APN 045-201-190

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Hurt, seconded by Councilmember Lieberman, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved (4-0, Stone absent).

OTHER BUSINESS

Assigning the Parks & Recreation Commission with Advisory Duties Related to Arts and Culture Programs

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Schwartz described the Parks and Recreation Commission subcommittee's effort and discussions regarding the potential formation of a separate Arts Commission. He noted that arts commissions in other cities were disbanded due to lack of funds for art, and the ones that still exist have a dedicated funding source. He explained that the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation is that since there is no dedicated funding source for art at this time, the role of arts and culture could be added to the Commission's duties until such time as separate commission is established.

In response to Councilmember Mates, Interim Parks and Recreation Director Schwartz clarified that the subcommittee has reviewed this matter several times with the full Commission since it began its work in January of 2018.

In response to Councilmember Hurt's inquiry regarding the Commission balancing its duties and developing a strategic plan for arts in advance of establishing separate commission, Interim Parks and Recreation Director Schwartz described future ongoing efforts of the subcommittee in meeting regularly with the arts community and reporting back to full commission on a monthly basis.

In response to Councilmember Lieberman, Interim Parks and Recreation Director Schwartz provided examples of projects and activities that the commission might address.

Councilmember Mates expressed her appreciation that the Commission is willing to take on this additional workload. She expressed concern that members were not appointed based on art and culture, and suggested a mechanism be put in place to review this matter in the future to assess its success.

Councilmember Hurt noted this is a good first step, and she would like to implement an art impact fee in the future. She pointed out that the City's Vision Statement addresses art, and she suggested that the committee draft a strategic plan. She noted that the Placemaking committee could be involved.

Councilmember Lieberman noted the need to exercise caution regarding parameters of art.

Mayor Kim stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission is a natural place to start.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Hurt, seconded by Councilmember Lieberman, Resolution 2018-029 assigning the Parks & Recreation Commission with the advisory duties related to Art and Culture Programs was unanimously approved (4-0, Stone absent).

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSIGNMENT UPDATES, AND STAFF ITEMS

Verbal report from Councilmembers on Intergovernmental (IGR) and Subcommittee Assignments

Councilmember Hurt commented regarding a recent Rethink Waste Education Committee meeting she attended.

Councilmember Mates reported on a recent SFO Roundtable meeting.

Mayor Kim reported on a recent C/CAG subcommittee regarding a county-wide transportation program. He also attended two Placemaking subcommittee meetings with Councilmember Hurt.

Verbal report from City Manager

City Manager Scoles suggested that at a future meeting the Council could consider re-forming a Barrett subcommittee to further discuss that facility. He announced the appointment of a new Parks and Recreation Director. He noted that potential Carlmont High School interns are being interviewed. He announced that Bike to Work Day will be on May 10. He noted that security updates of City Hall work is ongoing, and that staff is updating the City's web presence.

Legislative Update

City Manager Scoles described an emerging issue at the Assembly related to PERS (Public Employee Retirement System) as it relates to JPA's (Joint Powers Authority) and liabilities. He

noted that this pending legislation would have a direct effect on the new JPA with the Cities of San Mateo and San Carlos for fire service, and it could make it difficult or impossible to continue with the JPA. He noted that it also contains a clawback provision which could affect existing JPA's.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Lieberman, seconded by Councilmember Mates, and unanimously approved (4-0, Stone absent) to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of opposition to AB 1912 (Rodriguez), Public Employees' Retirement -- Joint Powers Agreements – Liability

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:15 P.M.

Terri Cook
City Clerk